

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF DECEMBER 27TH, 1933.

The Board of Public Works met in the offices of the Board, Union Trust Building, Baltimore, on Wednesday 27th, December, 1933.

Present:

Albert C. Ritchie, Governor.  
Wm. S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller.  
John M. Dennis, Treasurer.

Attorney General Wm. P. Lane, Jr. was also present.

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The following letter from Doctor Frank W. Keating, Secretary of the Board of Visitors of Rosewood State Training School, was read and considered:-

ROSEWOOD STATE TRAINING SCHOOL  
OWINGS MILLS, MD.

December 27th, 1933.

Mr. J. O. McCusker, Secretary,  
Board of Public Works of Maryland,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Mr. McCusker:

The Board of Visitors of the Rosewood State Training School received sixteen (16) bids on December 22nd last for the construction of a new Dormitory Building for Boys at this institution, according to advertisements therefor appearing in the daily papers of Baltimore, two weeks prior to that date (a copy of which advertisement is herewith enclosed); and the lowest bidder for the construction of said building and installation of mechanical equipment therein, including the connections with our Central Heating and Lighting Plant and Sewage Disposal System, was the Davis Construction Company of Maryland, at the net bid of \$126,250.00.

A conditional award was made to the said Davis Construction Company at \$126,250.00, being the lowest bid submitted, subject to the approval of the Board of Public Works of Maryland, and also the Federal authorities. A bid bond, of the United States Guarantee Company of New York, was submitted by the Davis Construction Company with their bid, covering all requirements in reference thereto.

The next lowest bidder for the same work was submitted by Frainie Brothers of Baltimore, at a net bid of \$127,044.00.

A tabulation of the 16 bids submitted is herewith enclosed for your information.

We are writing to request the Board of Public Works of Maryland to approve our conditional award to the Davis Construction Company,

at its net bid of \$126,250.00, it being the lowest submitted.

We are also requesting the Board of Public Works of Maryland, at the same time, to adopt a resolution authorizing the President of Our Board of Visitors to execute the grant agreement submitted by the Federal authorities for the free grant of \$34,000.00 to supplement the State appropriation for said building and equipment of \$100,000.00, made by the Legislature of Maryland (in Acts of 1933, Chapter 311, Section 7).

A copy of a resolution adopted by our Board of Visitors, in reference to said \$34,000.00 U.S. free grant (at a meeting held off December 6th last), with a copy of said grant agreement were placed in your hands on December 20th last at Annapolis, by our Mr. McFeely. A copy of said grant agreement was also submitted to Attorney General Lane on November 30th last, requesting him to examine same and forward it to the Secretary of the Board of Public Works of Maryland with his opinion thereon, for consideration of the Board of Public Works of Maryland in any action to be taken in reference thereto.

To this date, however, we have not had any definite instructions about executing this Federal grant agreement for \$34,000.00.

Until the Board of Public Works of Maryland authorizes the President of our Board of Visitors to execute the said grant agreement with the Federal authorities, as above set forth, we will be unable to proceed further in the matter of awarding a contract to the Davis Construction Company, or take any further action in reference to said free grant of \$34,000.00 by the Federal authorities for the construction of said building by the Davis Construction Company.

Hence, I am respectfully requesting the Board of Public Works of Maryland, to adopt a resolution at its meeting to be held to-day, definitely instructing the President of our Board of Visitors in reference to the execution of said grant agreement with the Federal authorities, so we may know exactly what authority we have in any further dealings with the said Federal authorities in this matter.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Frank W. Keating.

Secretary.

There was also submitted a newspaper clipping of the advertisement for proposals for construction of the New Boys' Dormitory Building, and a copy of the proposal form for the file of the Board of Public Works. A detailed statement of bids submitted by the various contractors was also submitted for the record.

After discussion of the proposals and various items entering into the award of contract for the construction of the Building, the following resolution was offered and unanimously approved:-

"RESOLVED that the agreement between the United States of America, as party of the second part, and the State of Maryland, for and on behalf of the Rosewood State Training School, the party of the first part, under which a grant by the party of the second part of \$34,000 is given to the party of the first part

for the purpose of the construction of a two story basement dormitory building, and identified as the party of the second part's Docket No. 1920, is hereby approved, and the Board of Visitors of the Rosewood State Training School and the proper officials thereof are authorized and directed to execute and deliver said agreement to the party of the second part."

The appropriation made by the State is \$100,000; the contract to be executed with the Davis Construction Company amounts to \$126,250. The difference between the amount of the contract and the appropriation made by the State is to be absorbed by the grant the State will receive from the United States Government on the work.

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Mr. Laurence Hall Fowler, Architect for the Memorial Hall of Records to be erected at Annapolis, appeared before the Board with proposals received from contractors for the construction of the building. There were also present Mr. Wire and the representatives of the various contractors who submitted proposals. The bids were opened and the proposals were tabulated as follows:-

Wed. Dec. 27, 1933.

TABULATION OF PROPOSALS

HALL OF RECORDS  
for the

STATE OF MARYLAND

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS  
ANNAPOLIS MD.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BASE BID</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
Consolidated Engineering Co.	\$186,700	\$2500	\$189,200	\$45	\$900	\$1200
P. C. Streett Engineering Co.	187,400	2700	190,100	65	1300	130
Frainie Bros.	188,000	2700	190,700	55	1200	- 75
North-Eastern Construction	189,270	2700	191,970	40	1200	No change
Samuel B. Dove	189,851	2900	192,751	45	1050	115

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BASE BID</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
Price Construction Co	192,500	3100	195,600	10	1150	100
Carlson & Carlson	193,700	2985	196,685	300	No bid	No bid
Cogswell Constr. Co.	194,500	2650	197,150	50	950	150
M. A. Long Co.	194,650	2600	197,250	50	875	1500
Chas L. Stockhausen Co. Inc.	201,750	2900	204,650	50	950	no Change

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- 1 - Addition for steam piping from Power Plant to Building.
- 2 - Addition per radiator for temporary heat.
- 3 - For system of temperature control. (Add or Deduct)
- 4 - For movable type car platform. (Add or Deduct)

All the above contractors furnished bid bonds, with the exception of Samuel B. Dove.

All the above contractors furnished CERTIFICATES OF COMPLIANCE WITH NRA, with the exception of Carlson & Carlson.

The Architect was authorized to get in touch with the local representative of the Public Work Authority, and arrange whatever details necessary in connection with the securing by the State of a grant from the United States Government in connection with the construction of the new building.

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The following letter from Herbert G. Crisp and James R. Edmunds, Jr. and Horace Peaslee, Associated Architects for the reproduction of the State House at St. Mary's, Maryland, was authorized to be incorporated in the Minutes of the meeting, and the authority given the Maryland Tercentenary Commission in a letter written by the Governor under date of December 18th, 1933, to Hon. Wm. L. Marbury, Chairman of the Commission, approving the plans and contract submitted to the Board of Public Works, were formally approved.

Herbert G. Crisp and James R. Edmunds, Jr.  
Architects  
Known as The Office of Joseph Evans Sperry  
409 Calvert Building  
Baltimore, Md.

December 14, 1933.

SUBJECT:- Reproduction of the State House  
At St. Mary's.

The Board of Public Works,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

ATTENTION Mr. Joseph McCusker.

Gentlemen:-

The proposals for the Reproduction of the State House at St. Mary's were received and opened by the Works Committee of the Maryland Tercentenary Commission October 26th, at their office in the Union Trust Building.

We were recently instructed (December 14th, 1933) to submit to you for your approval and ratification their recommendation of accepting the proposal of G. Walter Tovell, Inc., the lowest bidder, with certain changes as hereinafter stated.

PROPOSALS RECEIVED;

Cogswell Construction Company.....	\$35,000.00
Consolidated Engineering Company.....	38,000.00
Davis Construction Company.....	33,760.00
Frainie Brothers.....	32,437.00
Willard E. Harn Company.....	37,200.00
Hastings & Parsons.....	42,600.00
Thomas Hicks & Sons.....	32,425.00
Harry Hudgins Company.....	38,000.00
Jones & Conquest.....	30,279.00
M. L. Robertson.....	34,899.00
G. Walter Tovell, Inc.....	29,440.00

The changes recommended by the Works Committee are as follows:

Omit cellar and heating apparatus.....	\$ 3,043.00
Change in underground electric service and omission of electric receptacles.....	107.50
Change in floor construction, 2nd and 3rd floors.....	77.00
Saving of 132,000 common brick @ \$6.50 per thousand.....	858.00
Total.....	\$ 4,085.50

Tovell's base proposal.....	\$29,440.00
Deduct for changes above noted.....	4,085.50
Net Contract Price.....	25,354.50

It may be possible to make other savings in material that will redcut the final cost of the building to \$25,000.00.

May we have at your earliest convenience your approval on the above, after which time we will prepare the contract and submit same to you for your signature.

Very truly yours,

HERBERT G. CRISP and JAMES R.  
EDMUNDS, Jr.  
and  
HORACE PEASLEE  
ASSOCIATED ARCHITECTS

.s. HERBERT G. CRISP

409 Calvert Building.

In duplicate to Mr. Howard  
1 copy to Works Committee, Maryland Tercentenary Commission.

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The contract was to be awarded to G. Walter Tovell, Inc.  
at \$25,354.50.

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The following letter from Springfield State Hospital was  
read and considered:-

SPRINGFIELD STATE HOSPITAL

December 8, 1933.

State Board of Public Works,  
Union Trust Building,  
Baltimore, Maryland.

Gentlemen:-

The Board of Managers of this Hospital at a regular meeting on December 2, 1933, recommended that authority be issued by your Board to charge off our accounts receivable \$120.00 in the case of Anne Mannion ( or Manning), who was a patient at this Hospital during the period April 21 to June 19, 1933, at the rate of \$2.00 per day.

Neither this patient nor any of her relatives are able to pay these charges. It is therefore requested the Board of Public Works authorize charging off this account.

Very truly yours,

Springfield State Hospital

/s/ A. H. Rehbein  
A. H. Rehbein, Clerk.

The authority requested was granted.

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The Board considered the question of payment of expenses incurred by the Read Drug and Chemical Company of Baltimore City in connection with the litigation involving the validity of the Chain Store Act passed by the General Assembly of 1933.

Acting upon the recommendation of the State Law Department, the Board approved the payment of these expenses out of the fees of the office of the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of Baltimore City since the action of the Read Drug and Chemical Company was directed against that official.

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The following letter from the State Department of Forestry, was read and considered:

STATE DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY

December 2, 1933.

Board of Public Works,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

Gentlemen:-

Reference is made to my letter to you of November 7, requesting authority on behalf of the Forestry Department to accept the gift of the Washington Monument with ten acres of land and a roadway, for a historical monument and park.

I wish to add this supplementary statement which may help to clarify the proposition.

This monument is unique not only in being the first monument erected to George Washington but in that it was apparently the result of a spontaneous outburst of patriotic zeal and admiration of the deceased first President of the United States by a large group of people, among whom were many expert stone masons, who desired to erect a substantial monument of stone on a high point of South Mountain, which is shown on the typographic map as Monument Knob. The stones of the upper ten feet of the monument have fallen, but are still available for replacement, and there is plenty of other stone in the immediate vicinity so that the restoration of the monument would not be a difficult matter, and as indicated in my letter, could I believe, be accomplished without expense to the State with the Emergency Conservation Work program from the Frederick Civilian Conservation Corps camp, also the roadway and the present improved road to the monument, together with the park improvement of the surrounding area. The maintenance cost would be very small, I am sure. It is surrounded by wooded sections, giving us the oppor-

tunity of getting considerable additional acreage of land for State Forests. The monument itself can be used as a supplementary fire observation tower in connection with our state wide protection system. Should the State acquire State Forest land in this section, which seems desirable since we do not have a State Forest in the Catoctin-South Mountain area, then the protection and administration of the monument property, combined with that of the forest, would require little, if any additional expense.

Very truly yours,

/s/ F. W. Besley.  
State Forester.

FWB:r

After discussion of the matter it was decided to authorize the State Department of Forestry to accept the gift of the Washington Monument with ten acres of land and a roadway for a historical monument and park.

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The following letter from Mr. Swepson Earle, Conservation Commissioner, was read and considered:

CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

December 5th, 1933.

Mr. J. O. McCusker, Secretary,  
State Board of Public Works,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Mr. McCusker:-

This Department is negotiating with Roy J. and Rosa A. Rice for a piece of ground containing about sixteen acres, in Frederick County adjoining our Lewistown Fish Hatchery. We want to enlarge our small-mouth bass propagation and find it necessary to have this property for that purpose.

The price is \$1200.00, which we expect to outlay from the Angler's License Fund.

Will you kindly have the Board of Public Works approve the purchase of this ground.

Yours very truly,  
/s/ Swepson Earle.  
Commissioner.

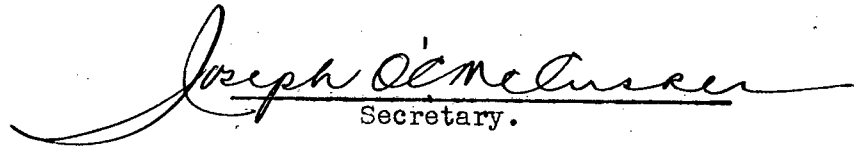
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The request of Mr. Earle was approved.

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

  
Secretary.